

**Remarks**

Kindly note that the Examiner has rejected claims 28, 30, 31, 37 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. 112. Kindly note that we have deleted the word "portion" in claim 28 thereby overcoming the objection that there is no antecedent basis for said "cone portion".

Kindly note that in claims 37 and 38 we have amended "bit extension" to now read "bit assemblies" in order to overcome the Examiner's objections.

Kindly note that we have amended claims 30 and 31 to now depend from claims 18 and 30, rather than from cancelled claims 25 and 26.

The claims as submitted with this amendment should now all be allowable as the Examiner has indicated that the independent claims 18 and 32 are allowable and therefore any claims depending therefrom should be allowable, including the amended claims.

We look forward to receiving your positive reply at your earliest convenience, I remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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